

Selectman, Chairman on Taxation, State Representative, and State Senator. In the 1970s, Mr. McCarthy worked alongside Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, quickly becoming a widely beloved and trusted leader in the community. Mr. McCarthy became the Plymouth County Register of Probate in 2000, where his many accomplishments have been invaluable to the people he has served. His colleagues and friends who have worked with him throughout the years agree that he will be sorely missed as he steps down from this position.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor Mr. Robert McCarthy upon his retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. McCarthy for his many years of public service.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY W. BOGER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Boger, who has dedicated her life to community service and has been a tremendous force in education. Mary, a long time Glendale resident along with her husband, Dr. Donald Boger, is retiring from her civic responsibilities and moving to New Bedford, Massachusetts.

A strong and passionate advocate of education and children, Mary began serving on the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Board of Education in 2002. She has held the positions of Clerk, Vice President, and has been Board President many times, a position that she currently holds. In addition to serving as a Board Member of the GUSD, Mary has served as Vice President of the California School Boards Association and a Board Representative for the Five Star Education Coalition.

Mary's accomplishments in community service are nothing short of extraordinary. Over the years, she has tirelessly served on numerous boards and committees. Mary has served as President of the Glendale Council Parent Teacher Association, Glendale Healthy Kids, the National Charity League, Inc.—Glendale Chapter, and Las Candelas, which provides services to emotionally disturbed children and provides financial support to the facilities in which the children reside. Mary has also served as Chair of the City of Glendale Blue Ribbon Panel on Parks, Co-Chair of the City of Glendale Citizens' Memorial Advisory Committee, and on the Board of Directors for the Glendale YWCA, Prom Plus, Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association and the Glendale Symphony Orchestra.

Mary has received numerous awards and recognition, including the Business Life Magazine Women Achievers in 2009, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2009, the Glendale YWCA Woman of Heart & Excellence in 2008, and California's Twenty Ninth Congressional District Woman of the Year in 2003.

I have worked with Mary for years, and know that her passion for education and young people is unequalled. No one has left a bigger or more positive impact on education in our region, or has commanded greater respect

from parents, teachers and students. I am so proud to call her my friend and so grateful for her service. I ask all Members to join me in thanking Mary Boger for her unwavering commitment to the children of our community, and wish her well in all future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2807, CONSERVATION EASEMENT INCENTIVE ACT

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2807, the Conservation Easement Incentive Act. This important legislation would make the current tax deduction for the contribution of conservation easements permanent, affording landowners the stability and certainty needed to complete the long term planning necessary for either continued agricultural production or conservation work. Since being signed into law in 2006, the enhanced tax incentive for conservation easements has boosted donations of conservation easements by a third—to a total of over a million acres a year.

The Hudson Valley is a national treasure that must be preserved, and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to protect the places New Yorkers cherish and depend on. In the Hudson Valley, a landowner in my district is struggling to preserve his thirty five acre homestead, which he has lived on for over 40 years. The land dates back to the original family farmsteads and orchards that have dotted the Hudson Valley for generations. Many of those farmsteads have since been sold to developers, but not his. The parcel of land he is fighting to protect and preserve is not only precious in its heritage and conservation value, but in its current use as a trail, which connects several larger land preserves in the region. While he would like to donate a conservation easement and receive the much needed tax deduction, there is considerable financial pressure on him to sell the land to developers. If that happens—the land is lost. And as my friend and President of the Westchester Land Trust, Lori Ensinger, put it—when the land is lost, it's lost for good.

We must balance economic development with protecting the land for preservation and outdoor recreation. Rather than being forced to sell to developers, conservation easement tax incentives allow farmers and landowners the choice to maintain working lands for agriculture or to protect more land for wildlife protection and outdoor recreation. In the Hudson Valley conservation easements have a tremendously positive impact, boosting regional economies while protecting some of America's most important natural sites for future generations.

While we have been successful in protecting thousands of acres over the last ten years all across the Hudson Valley, our work is not done. Passing the Conservation Easement Incentive Act is about more than just environmental preservation it is about regional economies, businesses and jobs. Without the conservation easement tax incentives, landowners may be forced to divide or sell their property to developers; losing the land, its heritage and economic benefits for good.

HONORING ST. PERPETUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, we honor St. Perpetua Catholic Church as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. St. Perpetua has been a staple of the community in Waterford since its founding in 1964 by Archbishop John F. Dearden. Under the current leadership of the Pastor, Father Jack Baker, the parish continues to grow and invite more families into the parish. Congratulations on 50 years in the community!

CELEBRATING THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For 24 years now, the ADA has secured for people with disabilities their most fundamental rights, and allowed them to integrate more fully in their communities. More than two decades ago, my hero, TOM HARKIN spearheaded this legislation that would change the attitudes of so many in order to protect the civil rights of the 54 million Americans with disabilities. Like so many others, I thank him for his tireless advocacy in the United States Senate and his continued dedication to this important issue.

I would also like to thank all of the organizations involved in this year's Johnson County ADA Celebration for bringing together a community of all walks of life, and recognizing that all people have unique skills, talents and abilities.

Expanding access and opportunities for people with disabilities is something we must work to improve every day. There are obstacles that, thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act, have been all but eliminated and I look forward to seeing even more progress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. GAIL SHAW

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, Gail Shaw, a visionary, a scientist, a community leader, and a 64 year-long resident of Chehalis, Washington, died peacefully in his sleep on June 6, 2014.

His six decade stay in his adopted hometown was not part of his original career plan, but before long he decided to make Chehalis home.

When he first moved to the thick forests surrounding Lewis County in 1950, the accomplished chemist still had his sights set on an